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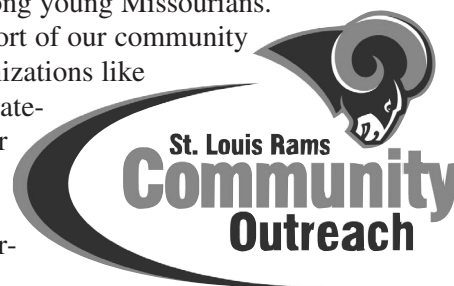
## Blunt teams up with St. Louis Rams for libraries

Secretary of State Matt Blunt and the St. Louis Rams Community Outreach Team have partnered to provide children's books and funding for programming to public libraries across Missouri. The State Library and the Rams' Community Outreach Team have awarded \$400 grants for books from the Rams Library Collection list, which includes sports-themed books and books chosen by Rams players as childhood favorites, Rams bookplates, and \$100 for related programming.

Eighteen libraries received Rams grants. Recipients were chosen based on criteria that included promotion of literacy, community need, library need, promotion of community partnerships, and quality of programming. The primary aim of this grant program is to use the appeal of sports to promote literacy and reading among young Missourians.

Blunt said: "Successful programs to enhance support of our community libraries are often made possible by concerned organizations like the St. Louis Rams. This is a great example of a private-public partnership that helps to meet the needs of our state."

Since moving to St. Louis in 1995, the Rams have contributed more than \$3 million in cash, grants, merchandise, and tickets to area charities.



## Gates training sessions open to public library staff

The State Library is offering technology training at multiple sites across the state through a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Training partners include MOREnet and the Missouri Library Network Corporation. The training sessions are provided at no cost to public library employees.

Library staff can choose from one-, two-, and three-day workshops on a wide range of topics from webpage design and Internet searching skills to networking and PC hardware. Most sessions are held at the seven Gates computer labs in public libraries in Bonne Terre, Camdenton, Gallatin, Dexter, Moberly, Nevada, and West Plains.

For information about available workshops and to register online, check the Missouri Gates Training for Public Libraries website at [www.more.net/training/](http://www.more.net/training/)

*gates/*. New sessions and locations will be added regularly.

## State Library launches Newsline Extra

Beginning in July 2003, the State Library will launch a new electronic memo service titled *Newsline Extra*.

This memo will be issued several times a month and will include current information about State Library grant programs and deadlines, news from the State Librarian and Secretary Blunt, library legislative information, and the latest national library news.

*Newsline Extra* will be available in PDF format on the State Library's website. Librarians will be informed via e-mail the day each issue is published.

For more information about *Newsline Extra*, contact Madeline Matson at the State Library, 800-325-0131, ext. 8 or [matsom@sosmail.state.mo.us](mailto:matsom@sosmail.state.mo.us)

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## Summer institute scheduled for August



Every August, more than 100 Missouri library staff attend the Library Skills Institute, sponsored by the State Library, to learn the basics of librarianship or to update their skills in specific areas. Intended for those who do not have graduate library degrees, the institute provides basic and advanced courses for staff in public and institutional libraries. Participants receive 17 hours of training in courses taught by academics, practicing librarians, and experts in various fields. The 2003 institute will be held August 5 to 8 (Tuesday noon to Friday noon) in Columbia at the Best Western Columbia Inn.

Over the years, the State Library has made a consistent effort to focus on evolving competencies and standardized curricula for the institute. This has resulted in a basic course with a standardized curriculum, which is offered twice a year, and an advanced course track, which addresses upgrading of skills and professional career development.

Summer institute courses for 2003 include:

◆ **Basic Library Skills:** Required for first-time attendees, this course provides an overview of libraries and library services, with an emphasis on public libraries. It is also a prerequisite for all advanced institute courses.

◆ **Advanced courses:** Designed to provide the most current information, these courses are presented by experts in the field. Library staff can choose from "Collection Development," taught by Belinda Boone, a library consultant from Texas; "Library Services to Children," taught by Pamela Barron, associate professor in the Department of Library and Information Studies, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and "Reference Services," taught by Honore Francois, who coordinates and facilitates the Library Associate Training Institute for public library staff in Maryland and Delaware.

Questions about the institute should be

directed to Patrice Vale, the State Library's continuing education consultant, at 800-325-0131, ext. 13.

## Family Nights at the Library

The Family Nights at the Library program helped provide a dozen events at libraries in Missouri during its most recent season. The Little Dixie Regional Libraries sponsored events in Moberly, Paris, Madison, and Huntsville, and the Grundy County-Jewett Norris Library held three events in Trenton.

The program invites families to local public libraries for three evenings of education, fun, and free books. The sessions focus on literacy, parenting, or education topics chosen by the library. State Library funding supports speakers and books for the children to take home. The evening begins with a story for parents and children together, often a read-aloud from the book that will be given to the children. Then parents listen to a guest speaker while the children participate in activities related to the evening's topic.

For more information, call Karen Jones at the State Library, 800-325-0131, ext. 11, or send an e-mail to [jonesk@sosmail.state.mo.us](mailto:jonesk@sosmail.state.mo.us)

## 2003 library salary survey

Since 1978, the St. Charles City-County Library has conducted annual salary surveys of public libraries in the West North Central states of Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, and Minnesota. The 2003 survey tracks total budget, materials budget, technology and telecommunications budget, personnel budget, cost per FTE, and salaries for pages, clerical, paraprofessional, beginning MLS, top-scale department head, assistant director, and director salaries.

The 2003 survey may be accessed at [www.win.org/library/library\\_office/reports/salariesurvey/2003/index.html](http://www.win.org/library/library_office/reports/salariesurvey/2003/index.html). Salary surveys from 1998 through 2002 are at: [www.win.org/library/library\\_office/reports/](http://www.win.org/library/library_office/reports/)

## National Book Festival cybercasts available

Sponsored by the Library of Congress, the second National Book Festival took place in October 2002, but visitors to [www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/nbfcyber\\_2003.html](http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/nbfcyber_2003.html) can watch almost all of the proceedings over the Internet. The site requires Real Player.

By browsing through the site, visitors can watch more than 40 authors read from and about their respective writings. Interested parties can watch and listen as Edmund Morris, Nancy Milford, and David Halberstam talk about biographical writing, David McCullough share his lifelong love of reading and books, Linda Fairstein, Ridley Pearson (from St. Louis), and Tony Hillerman discuss mystery writing, and Billy Collins read poetry.

Other special features on the site include the ability to listen to the Georgia Island Singers' performance and a celebration of Cambodian-American heritage that was a part of the day's proceedings.

## Missouri represented at National Library Legislative Day

Ten Missouri librarians and library trustees attended the 2003 National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC, May 11-13. They visited congressional offices to meet with the state's senators and representatives for discussion about the need for and importance of library services to communities across the state.

Representing Missouri were: Sara Parker, Missouri State Librarian; Annie Busch, director of Springfield-Greene County Library; Krystal Compos and William Mauck, trustees from Springfield-Greene County Library; Joseph Green, director of Kansas City Public Library; Margaret Booker, executive director of the Missouri Library Association; John Montre, reference librarian at St. Louis University; Gerald Brooks, public relations director for St. Louis Public Library; Karen Vialle, president of the

Missouri Association of School Librarians; and Vicki Guier, librarian for the Warrensburg School District.

## Missouri author wins major literary award

Dr. William H. Gass, the David May Distinguished University Professor Emeritus in the Humanities and founder of the International Writers Center, both at Washington University, has won the 2003 National Book Critics Circle Award in the criticism category for his book *Tests of Time*. This is Gass's third National Book Critics Circle Award—an unprecedented feat.



The NBCC announced the winners of its annual awards at a recent ceremony in New York City. The organization's awards are considered one of the most prestigious honors in literature—on a level with the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

Gass previously won the award in 1985 in the criticism category for *Habitations of the Word*. He won for a second time in 1997 for *Finding a Form*, also in the criticism category.



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## Web Watch

### Fact Monster

[www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com)

An online almanac, atlas, dictionary, and encyclopedia for kids. The site also includes a homework center, games and quizzes, and search capabilities.

### Famous Trials

[www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/ftrials.htm](http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/ftrials.htm)

This site is the project of Doug Linder, a faculty member of the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Its homepage offers thumbnails leading to various trials throughout history from Socrates to O.J. Simpson. It includes timelines, photos, excerpts from trials, maps, and other materials.

### Rave Reviews: Bestselling Fiction in America

[www.lib.virginia.edu/speccol/exhibits/rave\\_reviews](http://www.lib.virginia.edu/speccol/exhibits/rave_reviews)

Developed at the University of Virginia Library, this site celebrates American interests and reading tastes over the last two and a half centuries. Offers a look at how bestsellers were received in society along with photographs and related information.



### Search on for senior poet laureate

Submissions are now being accepted for the 11th annual Senior Poet Laureate poetry competition for American poets age 50 and older. Entrants may live anywhere in the world, but must be citizens of the U.S.

The only contest of its type in the U.S. for older poets is sponsored by the National Senior Poet Laureate Poetry Foundation, a non-profit literary society based in Springfield, Missouri.

For details on prizes and submission guidelines, send a #10 SASE to: SPL Rules, PO Box 6003, Springfield, MO 65801-6003. Electronic rules are available from goldenword@aol.com.

## Blunt awards 16 grants to Missouri libraries

Secretary of State Matt Blunt has awarded grants totaling \$375,105 to 13 libraries and a library consortium. The grants range from videoconferencing equipment and computer training labs to support for youth and senior services, literacy programs, and digital imaging projects. They are funded through the federal Library Services and Technology Act. Grant awardees include:

### Adaptive Equipment

*Riverside Regional Library* \$5,200

The grant will fund purchase of a closed circuit television, adjustable tables, large-screen monitors, screen magnification hardware and software, TTYs, reading machines, and other equipment for visually and hearing-impaired library users.

### After School Connections

*Grundy County-Jewett Norris Library* \$5,365

The library will offer an eight-week series of after-school sessions introducing library technologies and resources and provide homework help to at-risk students in two schools. The library will work with the schools to coordinate the programs with the students' schoolwork needs and with the students to ensure positive participation.

### Computer Training Labs

*Grundy County-Jewett Norris Library* \$13,597

This grant will enable the library to purchase 10 computers and the necessary equipment to complete a training lab.

*Springfield-Greene County Library* \$55,800

The library will develop two portable training labs, one at the Library Center and the other on the Library Express, a mobile training lab and programming vehicle. The new equipment will allow conversion of any meeting room at the Library Center into a training lab. The mobile lab will serve as an outreach function of The Edge Community Technology Center at the Midtown Carnegie Library. The project's objective is support for the ongoing training needs of the library staff.

*St. Louis County Library* \$59,600

Using this grant, the library will create labs at its Thornhill and Rock Road branches. The library's need for staff training has increased with a new automation system, an upgrade of its local and wide area networks, and the use of videoconferencing.

### Digital Imaging Projects

These grants are made to libraries and partnering institutions in the cultural heritage community. Projects involve scanning text, manuscripts, photos, and other types of historical materials, classifying them, and mounting them on the Web. The grants funded fall under two tracks: a beginner's track and projects for more experienced institutions.

### First Steps in Digitization

*Hannibal Free Public Library* \$2,350

"The Mark Twain Zephyr." The project will result in an exhibit detailing the inauguration of a historic, high-speed train that operated out of Hannibal in the 1930s. The exhibit will include photos, newspaper articles, and a historic national radio broadcast.



*Southwest Missouri State University* \$69,923

"A Fruitful Heritage: Images of the Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station." The project will involve scanning glass-plate negatives that record the work of the state Fruit Experiment Station in Mountain Grove between 1897 and 1957. The collection is a one-of-a-kind archive on Ozark fruit culture and agricultural history and practices in Missouri.

*William Woods University* \$9,621

"African American Life and Culture in Missouri: Greenwood Cemetery." The website for this project will incorporate photos of funerary art, gravesites, famous people interred in Greenwood Cemetery, and a searchable database of cemetery records. The site will make available an important historical document that "reflects and records the general social development of black St. Louis."

*William Jewell College* \$12,000

"Digitizing 32 Years of the *Liberty Tribune*." The project will add the complete run of a historic newspaper (1846 to 1886) to the Historic Missouri Newspapers website. It is a primary source for events from the Civil War period and will interest historians, researchers, and students of all ages.

#### Demonstration Projects

*Joplin Public Library* \$11,687

"Joplin Historical Postcards." This collection covers the period between 1890 to 1950 and depicts the history of Joplin, the mining industry in Missouri, and the famous Route 66.

#### English as a Second Language

##### Conversation Partners Groups

*St. Louis County Library* \$5,875

The library will organize a conversation partners project housed at the Thornhill Branch in a community that includes Asian and Hispanic patrons. Library staff will work in informal partnership with the Parkway School District, timing its weekly conversation partners group to be held at the same time as one of the daytime ESL classes and using staff from Parkway to train their volunteers. A concurrent children's program will also be offered.

*Marshall Public Library* \$8,500

This project will offer a conversation club for ESL students to be coordinated with a local family literacy program and three established ESL classes in the area. It will include group activities in addition to structured conversation sessions and concurrent children's sessions.

#### Videoconferencing Network

With the following grants, the library videoconferencing network comprises 10 sites throughout the state for library and other non-profit training and meeting needs.

*H.E. Sever Memorial Library, Kahoka* \$34,700

This library in the northeast part of the state will provide space for equipment and an audience of 30 participants. Six public libraries in the area will use the videoconferencing facilities for training, participation in statewide and national meetings, and other opportunities.

#### Public libraries and hate speech

The Anti-Defamation League has published a new pamphlet about extremists' attempts to turn public libraries into a potent forum for hate speech.

The pamphlet discusses incidents in which extremist groups have reserved space and planned events in public libraries and used these events to disrupt the community. It discusses how libraries can limit the fallout from such events without running afoul of free speech laws, or compromising their traditional commitment to equal access.

"Public Libraries: A New Forum for Extremists" is available on the Web at [www.adl.org](http://www.adl.org). Additional copies may be ordered by fax from the Material Resource Center at 212-885-5855 or call 212-885-7951.

## Group pushes for blind-friendly web-sites

The National Federation of the Blind has introduced an online "seal of approval" for organizations that have designed accessible web-sites for individuals with visual impairments. The federation hopes that its seal will bring more traffic to sites bearing its endorsements.

The seal means that approved sites make content available and navigable through magnification equipment or software that reads aloud what is on the screen. These accommodations are not available on many websites. However, many visually impaired people prefer to do business online because they do not need to travel anywhere and have greater privacy on the Internet.

The current market for accessible sites is estimated at 10 million blind and visually impaired people living in the U.S. The market is expected to grow during the next few decades as Baby Boomers age and develop serious vision problems.

### *Missouri Library Network Corporation* \$33,419

Inclusion in the statewide videoconferencing network will allow this consortium to provide training and educational opportunities to libraries throughout the state at regional videoconferencing sites. MLNC also has the ability to bring training into Missouri from outside sources that might not be available more directly for some libraries.

### *Mississippi County Library* \$33,468

This grant will help to bring training opportunities to a number of southeast Missouri libraries. The county library has indicated community interest in using videoconferencing for agricultural workshops, children's programming, extension programming, and Chamber of Commerce activities.

## Effective practices for academic libraries

How many times have you thought to yourself, "Someone else in another library must have figured out a better way to do this"? The Association of College & Research Libraries' Effective Practices Committee has developed a Web-based clearinghouse for effective practices in academic libraries at [www.ala.org/acrl/ep](http://www.ala.org/acrl/ep). The scope of the clearinghouse will span all areas of library programs, services, facilities, technology, and initiatives.

For purposes of the clearinghouse, an effective practice is:

- aligned with the library's and parent organization's mission
- has outcomes that are measurable
- is sustainable and cost-effective and has a long-term impact on the library and its constituents
- has some degree of transferability and contains components that are potentially useful with other contexts either within the institution or at other institutions
- can be articulated in terms of responding to the needs of academic libraries and their constituencies

Librarians may submit their effective practices at [www.ala.org/acrl/ep/contribute.html](http://www.ala.org/acrl/ep/contribute.html). Practices are then reviewed to see if they meet the criteria listed above. Once accepted, ACRL will post the practice on its website and send the submitting library a letter acknowledging its contribution to the

Effective Practices Clearinghouse.

The committee's goal is to be inclusive rather than exclusive. Librarians looking for ideas to improve specific practices in their own libraries or just shopping for good ideas will be able to browse by category, state, and functional area.

## Authors @ Your Library

A free, online matchmaking database is now available for librarians seeking authors and publicists looking for library speaking opportunities for their authors nationwide. Librarians can find out how to bring an author to their book group, reading series, or fund-raising event and to reach the right contact at the publisher with an author request. They need only to log on to the website and submit details about their author needs and event-hosting capabilities. Publicists can log on to tell libraries how to contact them with requests for authors.

Responding to an often-heard concern that publishers do not book authors in libraries as often as librarians and patrons would like, the Association of American Publishers in conjunction with Friends of Libraries USA, and Library Journal formed a partnership with the American Library Association to create the searchable database.

To use this new service, go to [www.ala.org/publicprograms/authors@your](http://www.ala.org/publicprograms/authors@your) library.

## FY2003 LSTA grant award for Missouri

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has awarded \$2,903,547 to the Missouri State Library as the administrator of federal library funds in the state. Grant awards are made to each state according to a population-based formula. Libraries use these funds to invest in technology, to provide library service to rural and urban residents and new immigrants, to help patrons prepare for and find employment through a variety of programs, and for early childhood education and literacy programs.

### Appropriated by the General Assembly for the State Library

State Library Personnel & Operations	\$604,063
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<i>Total appropriations</i>	<i>\$731,631</i>

Proposed for statewide projects (below)	\$1,499,647
New competitive grants *	\$652,332
Existing competitive grant commitments	\$19,937

\* \$430,000 is available in grants to libraries within the statewide projects.

### LSTA Statewide Projects

#### Continued projects

Continuing education	\$287,432
Show Me the World	\$386,215
Focus on Literacy	\$10,000
Leadership Momentum	\$75,000
Statewide Digitization	\$282,000
Telecommunications	\$25,000
Videoconferencing	\$225,000
Statewide reference	\$120,000
Subtotal	\$1,410,647

#### New Projects

Next Steps	\$10,000
Staff recruitment	\$9,000
Scholarships	\$50,000
Statewide evaluation project	\$20,000
Subtotal	\$89,000

### National Kids Day

Boys and Girls Clubs of America is leading the National Kids Day celebration on August 3, 2003. NKD is a day set aside each year to celebrate and honor America's children through the gift of meaningful time, something libraries do so well all year long.

Information regarding NKD events, planning and promotional tools are available at [www.kidsday.net](http://www.kidsday.net). Access these materials by clicking on the "NKD Partners" button on the homepage and typing the case-sensitive username: "NKDPartner" and password: "Togetherness." The information is available under "Event Planner."

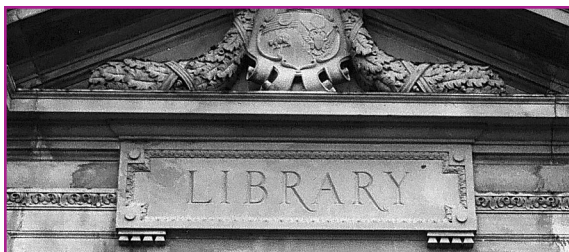


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## Missouri Library News

**newsline** welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)



### Donations enable new library construction



The Webb City Public Library Foundation has received a \$10,000 grant from the William T. Kemper Foundation and \$75,000 from an anonymous donor. The library foundation has raised \$500,000 toward its goal of \$1 million, which will serve as an endowment for library operations.

The library board of trustees is overseeing plans for the renovation and expansion of the library, built in 1915 with a grant from Andrew Carnegie. Voters in Webb City approved a 1/8 cent sales tax increase last August to pay for a substantial portion of the \$3 million library construction project.



Gentry County Library has received a \$100,000 gift from the Aletha Whittington Trust to be distributed as the library board sees fit. Whittington served as Gentry County's first library director from 1956 to 1993; she died in 2002. A previous \$100,000 gift from the Whittington Trust provided the impetus for construction of a new library building. The trust states that the board may expend any increase from investment of the original sum but that the original principal of \$100,000 "be maintained in perpetuity for the maintenance and repair of the building."

### Magic Library appears in St. Louis

The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum, will build interactive learning environments at the St. Louis Public Library headquarters and 12 neighborhood branches, thanks to the receipt of two federal grants totaling \$575,000. The grants represent bipartisan support and were secured by

Senator Jim Talent and Congressman Richard Gephardt for the development of The Magic Library.

For the past nine years, The Magic House and the St. Louis Public Library have collaborated on educational programs, sharing the common institutional goal of enticing children and families to learn. The goal of The Magic Library is to increase literacy and technological competencies by transforming current library space into an interactive and engaging learning environment. The Magic Library will combine the hands-on experience of a children's museum with the resources of a library to create a destination that encourages literacy. It will support parents and teachers in providing age-appropriate literacy and learning opportunities for their children.

Construction of The Magic Library will begin in 2004, with planning beginning later this year. The estimated budget of the completed project is \$1.2 million.

### Kansas City librarians mentor children for future careers

Beginning in February 2003, 25 Kansas City Public Library staff paired up with 25 children, ages 6 to 14, at local Boys and Girls Clubs to share information about library resources and to share the need for—and the value of—librarians in the 21st century. The "mentors" and kids participated in three events, culminating in a "Library Olympics" held during National Library Week.

The three-month partnership was made possible through a \$4,000 grant, sponsored by Scholastic Library Publishing. The annual grant competition honors one library for the best proposal for a public awareness campaign in support of National Library Week. This year, 83 proposals were submitted for the grant.

Leading up to the Library Olympics, the young people and library staff participated in two activities together so they could get acquainted and learn what it takes to be a librarian. The Library Olympics featured librarians and the "future librarians" in four fun events: "Do you know your Dewey," a



competition that had each team responding with Dewey classifications to book titles called out by a moderator; a book cart race that required teams of two to race to a finish line; a spelling bee that had the youth and their mentors competing against the library's own Literacy KC corporate spelling bee team; and a "library bowl" during which librarians tested their reference skills by answering questions posed by a celebrity moderator.

## MU Libraries air radio promotions

In March, KBIA-FM Radio, Columbia's National Public Radio station, began airing public service announcements to promote the libraries at the University of Missouri. The "spots" have featured Chancellor Richard Wallace, basketball coach Quinn Snyder, and other campus and community notables.

Each spot ends with one of two tag lines: "The MU Libraries—For Your Information" and "The MU Libraries—Ask the World of Us." MU Libraries staff voted on a slogan from a list of suggested slogans. The two slogans selected received equal numbers of votes.

The radio spokespersons choose the tag line they prefer to close the promotional announcement.

## Brentwood Public Library begins remodeling project

This spring, the Brentwood Public Library in St. Louis County began a complete remodeling project that will give the interior a completely new look. The library is operating in a temporary location for the duration of the remodeling.

The library will be completely gutted and redesigned to better use the existing space. At the same time, the original oak shelving in the reference room and the fireplace in the children's room will be retained and incorporated into the new design, maintaining the old and adding the best of the new.

The new look will include reconfigured walls, a custom-built circulation desk, and

customized location-specific task lighting. Upholstered reading chairs, tables and lamps will be arranged to create comfortable reading nooks throughout the library for quiet study. A dedicated computer space, with word processing and Internet computers, will provide access to several new databases. Display units for media and specially designed shelving will house more material while increasing open spaces within the library. The children's area will feature new chairs, tables, and shelving, with computers for games and Internet browsing for older children. The meeting room will be redesigned to include computer hookups and accessories for computer classes or meetings.

The remodeling is scheduled for completion in August 2003, with a rededication ceremony and celebration.

## St. Louis County Library offers new African-American genealogy resource

A new resource for African-American historical and genealogical research from the Civil War era is available at the St. Louis County Library.

What was once only available in its original paper form in Washington, DC, is now on microfilm through a partnership between the National Archives and the Julius K. Hunter & Friends African American Research Collection at the St. Louis library. Individuals no longer have to travel great distances to view these records.

The microfilm contains records of African-American men, most of whom were slaves, who enlisted in the United States Colored Troops between 1863 and 1865 in Missouri. It gives details such as first and last name, age, birthplace (includes 22 states, the Cherokee Nation, and the District of Columbia), physical description, family members, and—if the recruit was a slave—his slave owner's name. These questions were rarely asked or documented of a slave. Therefore, the resource can prove pivotal in finding slave-era records for an African-American ancestor and reveal in-

## Upcoming Events



**June 19-25**  
American Library  
Association Annual  
Conference  
Toronto

**July 2**  
National Literacy Day

**July 12-16**  
American Association of Law  
Libraries Annual Conference  
Seattle

**August 1-9**  
International Federation of  
Library Associations &  
Institutions General  
Conference  
Berlin, Germany

**August 5-8**  
Library Skills Institute  
Columbia

**August 15**  
Wolfner Advisory Council  
Meeting  
Jefferson City

**September 4-5**  
Missouri Census Data Center  
Annual Conference  
Jefferson City

**September 11**  
Secretary's Council on  
Library Development  
Meeting  
Jefferson City



**More Library News**

### Quick facts

- Over the past three years, more than \$190 million has been disbursed to more than 5,000 public libraries in the U.S. through the federal E-rate program.
- Nationally, some 9,000 public library systems (made up of 18,000 branches and bookmobiles) house 760 million books and periodicals.
- Dr. Glen Holt, St. Louis Public Library's executive director, estimates that the library system he heads has taught close to 20 percent of the city's population how to use a computer. The library has more than 600 PCs in the system and 350 are wired into a network for public use.
- Spam currently comprises 40 percent of e-mail traffic and is expected to approach 50 percent in the not-too-distant future.

formation which many researchers seek for years and still never find.

## Civil War Library opens near Springfield

The new Civil War Research Library at Wilson's Creek is "bigger and better than Gettysburg," according to Ronald Elkins, Jr., president of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation. The library was dedicated on April 5, 2003, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by local dignitaries and U.S. Representative Roy Blunt.

The \$1.5 million library is the largest research library in the National Park System. It houses a 6,000-volume collection, including 250 rare Civil War books, about 15,000 feet of fiber optic cable, and a multipurpose room. The rare books are stored in special climate-controlled storage units.

## Major library renovation underway at Washington University

Washington University's Olin Library is undergoing an expansion and renovation that will transform the 40-year-old building into a more high-tech and user-friendly library.

The renovation will add 17,000 square feet on the main level, create a cybercafe and 24-hour study space, establish a Technology Center to support digital projects and instruction, reconfigure interior spaces for better visibility and convenience, and

preserve the architectural integrity of the 40-year-old building. The building remains open during the renovation to accommodate the 3,000 students who use the library each day.

The project is slated for completion in the spring of 2004.

## New library for Savannah

Construction is complete on the renovation of the Savannah branch of Rolling Hills Consolidated Library. The "new" library facility, expanded from 4,200 to 9,000 square feet, boasts a larger children area, a teen study room, a community room, and more room for staff and collections. The entire facility is now in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Funding for the branch renovation came from a 15-cent tax levy passed in 1999 and from the Alma Martin Trust.

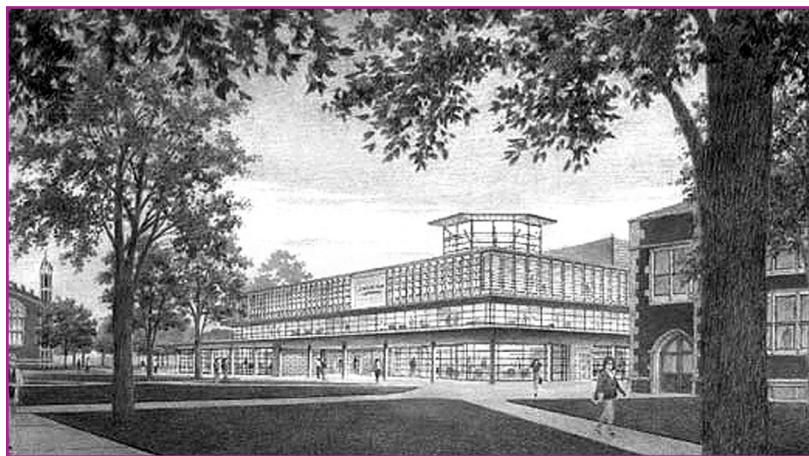
## Cass County Library begins online reference service

"Ask a Librarian" is Cass County Library's new e-mail reference service offered on the library's website. Through the service, the library reference staff answer questions in a wide range of areas such as quick facts, government officials and contact information, world events, consumer information, geography, foreign words and phrases, and quotations. Homework help is also available through the service. The service goal is to respond to most questions within 24 hours. Messages for "Ask a Librarian" may be sent at any time of the day or night.

## Poplar Bluff Public Library offers electronic collection

Like several public libraries across the state, Poplar Bluff Public Library has made netLibrary available to its patrons. The library inaugurated this new service at an open house on April 6, 2003, which featured library tours, a program about library services, door prizes, and introduction of library staff.

NetLibrary is one of the most comprehensive collections of electronic books available, providing access to 5,695 books with a



Washington University's Olin Library once renovation is complete.

strong emphasis on research and nonfiction works. Users gain access to netLibrary from any computer with Internet service. They have the choice of searching across all e-books by keyword or conducting a keyword search within a particular e-book.

## Important jazz collection to UMKC library



Jazz historian Frank Driggs has donated his collection of 375 oral histories documenting the evolution of jazz to the Marr Sound Archives, a division of

Special Collections at the Miller Nichols Library at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Driggs conducted the interviews from 1956 to 1986, and they constitute a rich contribution to the history of jazz.

Driggs moved to New York City after graduating from Princeton in the early 1950s and began working to document the history of jazz and to record oral histories of early jazz musicians. His interviews preserve the remembrances of musicians and band leaders who defined the jazz tradition, especially Southwestern and Kansas City jazz. Many of the oral histories in the collection survive as the only known record of a particular musician's experience and voice.

Driggs produced recordings for major jazz labels, published widely on jazz subjects, and won numerous awards for his work, including a Grammy for "Robert Johnson: The Complete Recordings."

Driggs also collected memorabilia and photos—over 100,000 images—relating to jazz, and these collections have been used by countless publishers, researchers, and record companies. The Driggs collection served as the principal resource for Ken Burns's "Jazz," a multi-part series broadcast on PBS.

The oral histories have been inventoried and are available to the scholarly community. The inventory is available on the Web at [www.umkc.edu/lib/spec-col/driggs.htm](http://www.umkc.edu/lib/spec-col/driggs.htm). For

more information about the collection, contact Chuck Haddix, Marr Sound Archives, at 816-235-2798 or send an e-mail to [haddixc@umkc.edu](mailto:haddixc@umkc.edu).

Haddix says there has been a great deal of interest in the collection and cited a recent visit by a radio producer working on the Count Basie Centennial project for National Public Radio.

## Truman fundraiser tops goal

Michael Beschloss, presidential historian, gave the keynote address at the Truman Presidential Museum & Library's fourth annual fundraiser, "Wild About Harry." The event was held April 24, 2003, at the Muehlebach Hotel, a hotel Truman favored when staying in Kansas City.

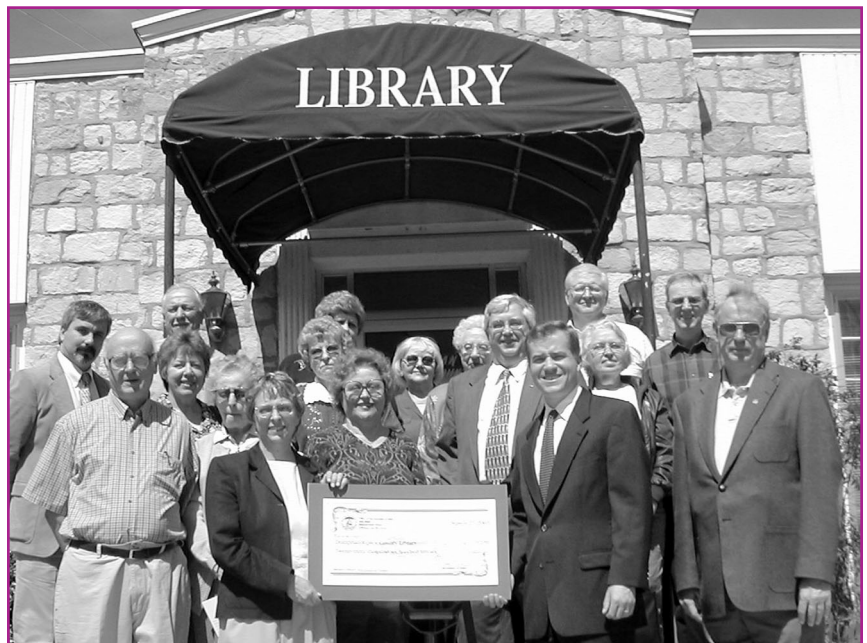
Through reservations and sponsorships, the event earned a profit of \$155,000. The money will go to support exhibits and programs at the Truman library and museum.

Beschloss is the author of seven books and a consultant to ABC-TV and "The News Hour" with Jim Lehrer. He said during his speech, "There is no library so much on the cutting edge of what a library should do than the Truman Library."

## U.S. book sales

Book sales in the U.S. totaled \$26 billion in 2002, a 5.5 percent increase over 2001, according to the American Association of Publishers. Overall, trade sales rose 8.8 percent, with sales of \$6.93 billion. Adult trade hardbound sales rose 11.8 percent (\$2.94 billion), while paperbound sales rose 12.1 percent (\$2.16 billion). Juvenile hardbound sales were up 3.1 percent (\$957.2 billion), but paperbound sales were down 1.3 percent with sales of \$876.3 million.

*Source: American Booksellers Association*



Secretary of State Matt Blunt presented a grant check on March 27 to the Doniphan-Ripley County and Naylor libraries to fund a new automation system. (Doniphan Prospect-News photo by Debbie McDonald)



## Election 2002 online archive

The Library of Congress, in collaboration with WebArchivist.org of the State University of New York Institute of Technology and the Internet Archive, has created the Election 2002 Web Archive with additional funding from The Pew Charitable Trusts through the University of Washington Center for Communication and Civic Engagement.

The Election 2002 Web Archive is a selective collection of nearly 4,000 sites archived between July 1, 2002, and November 30, 2002. The recent release of the archive includes websites produced by congressional and gubernatorial candidates. Future releases will include party, interest group, press, government, civic, and other selective websites related to the 2002 national and statewide elections. Additional materials will be made available as the collection is processed for long-term preservation.

## Match Missouri library districts to ZIP codes, towns, and other areas

Do you ever need to know what school districts, ZIP codes, legislative districts, towns, or other geographies fall within your public library district area? Now it is as easy as four clicks. The State Library's Census Data Center program has added public library districts to its geographic correspondence Web tool, known as MABLE/geocorr.

The Web tool is posted at <http://mcdc2.missouri.edu/websas/geocorr2k.html>. To match geographies, leave the default selection on "Missouri" in the top inset box, then click on the two geographies you want to match in the two inset boxes just below the state list. Next, click the "run request" button (note: although there are other options and settings on this page, you do not need to change anything except the geography selections).

For example, if you want to generate a list

showing the towns within a public library district, scroll to the bottom of the left box, and click "library districts," then click on the "Place: city, town, village, etc." selection in the box on the right. Finally, click "run request." After a short processing time, a page will appear with the information presented at the bottom of the page in two formats (called output files). One output file will read: "Listing (report format)," which lets you click on and view, save, or print the list. The second will read: "comma-delimited (csv) file," which lets users view, save/download, or print in a spreadsheet format.

For assistance in using the MABLE/geocorr Web tool, contact Debbie Pitts at the Missouri Census Data Center, 573-526-7648 or 800-325-0131, ext. 10.

*Results of library district match to ZIP code area using the MABLE/geocorr Web tool.*

Adair County Library District: total population in Census 2000: 24,997

ZIP code	ZIP area name	population	percent in this ZIP area
63501	Kirksville	21,110	84.5 percent
63533	Brashear	819	3.3 percent
63540	Gibbs	160	0.6 percent
63544	Green Castle	371	1.5 percent
63546	Greentop	866	3.5 percent
63547	Hurdland	33	0.1 percent
63549	La Plata	232	0.9 percent
63559	Novinger	1,386	5.5 percent

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